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1. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$\frac{-4}{3}, \frac{4}{5}, \text{ and } \frac{6}{5}$$

The solution is $75x^3 - 50x^2 - 128x + 96$, which is option A.

A. $a \in [70, 77], b \in [-53, -41], c \in [-130, -119], \text{ and } d \in [86, 98]$

* $75x^3 - 50x^2 - 128x + 96$, which is the correct option.

B. $a \in [70, 77], b \in [50, 55], c \in [-130, -119], \text{ and } d \in [-100, -88]$

$75x^3 + 50x^2 - 128x - 96$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(3x - 4)(5x + 4)(5x + 6)$.

C. $a \in [70, 77], b \in [-53, -41], c \in [-130, -119], \text{ and } d \in [-100, -88]$

$75x^3 - 50x^2 - 128x - 96$, which corresponds to multiplying everything correctly except the constant term.

D. $a \in [70, 77], b \in [-251, -249], c \in [271, 273], \text{ and } d \in [-100, -88]$

$75x^3 - 250x^2 + 272x - 96$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(3x - 4)(5x - 4)(5x - 6)$.

E. $a \in [70, 77], b \in [-131, -126], c \in [-33, -27], \text{ and } d \in [86, 98]$

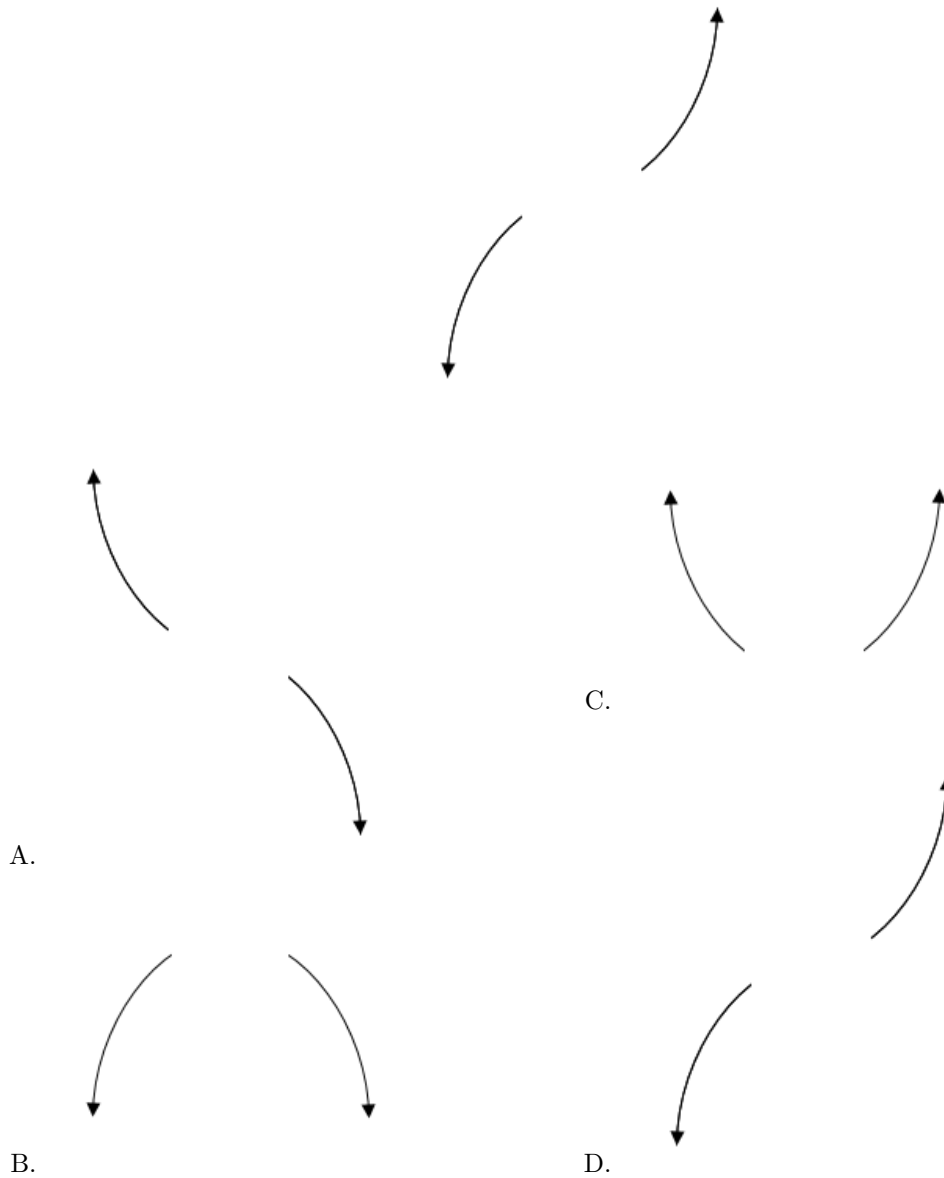
$75x^3 - 130x^2 - 32x + 96$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(3x - 4)(5x + 4)(5x - 6)$.

General Comment: To construct the lowest-degree polynomial, you want to multiply out $(3x + 4)(5x - 4)(5x - 6)$

2. Describe the end behavior of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = 5(x - 7)^4(x + 7)^5(x - 4)^3(x + 4)^3$$

The solution is the graph below, which is option D.



General Comment: Remember that end behavior is determined by the leading coefficient AND whether the **sum** of the multiplicities is positive or negative.

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3. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$-2 + 4i \text{ and } 1$$

The solution is $x^3 + 3x^2 + 16x - 20$, which is option D.

- A. $b \in [0.7, 1.4]$, $c \in [-6, -3]$, and $d \in [2, 11]$

$x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 4$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - 4)(x - 1)$.

B. $b \in [0.7, 1.4]$, $c \in [-1, 5]$, and $d \in [-9, 0]$

$x^3 + x^2 + x - 2$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x + 2)(x - 1)$.

C. $b \in [-6.9, -1.6]$, $c \in [14, 23]$, and $d \in [13, 26]$

$x^3 - 3x^2 + 16x + 20$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - (-2 + 4i))(x - (-2 - 4i))(x + 1)$.

D. $b \in [1.6, 6.2]$, $c \in [14, 23]$, and $d \in [-25, -14]$

* $x^3 + 3x^2 + 16x - 20$, which is the correct option.

E. None of the above.

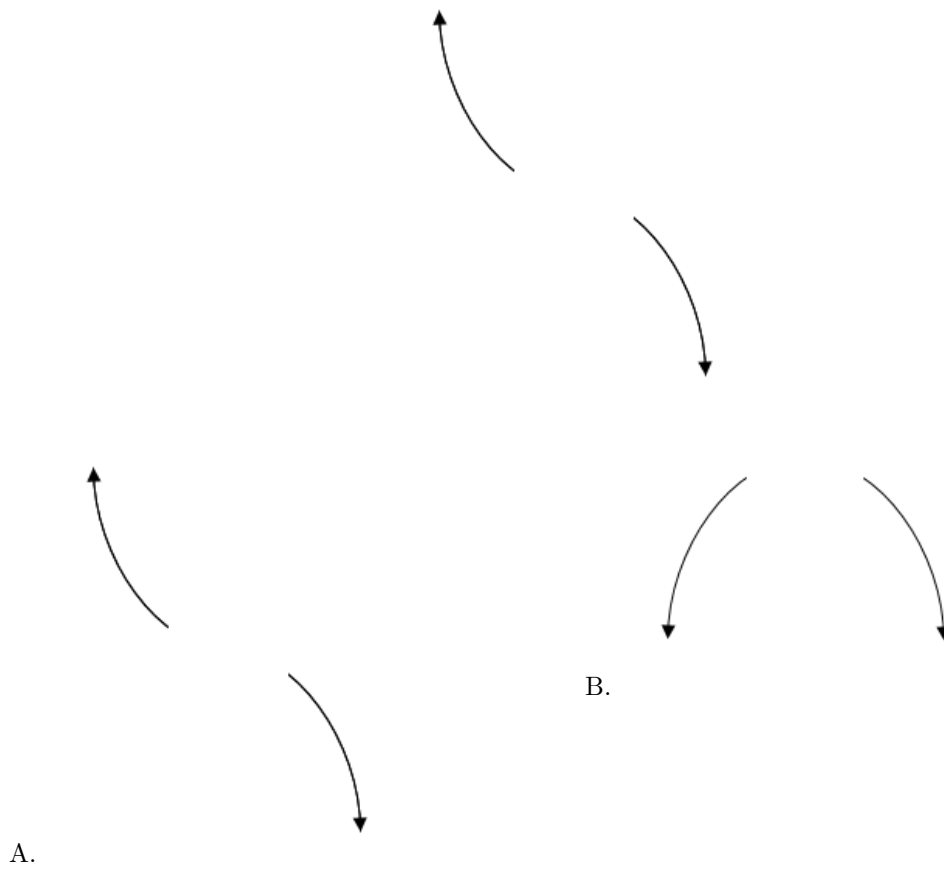
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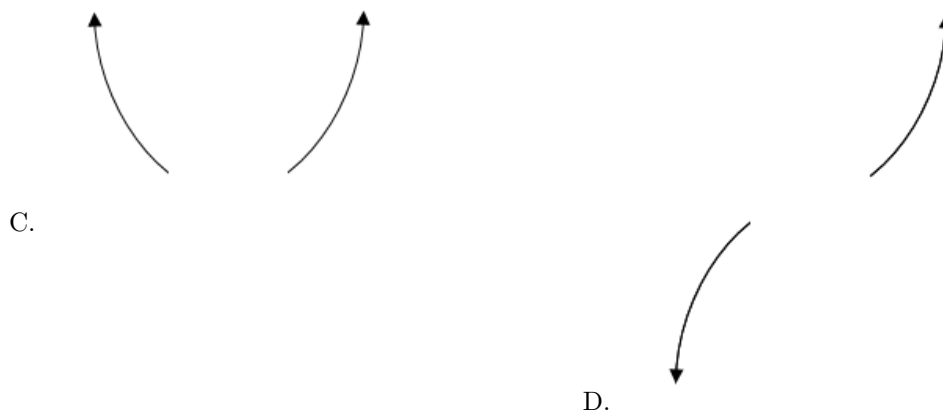
General Comment: Remember that the conjugate of $a + bi$ is $a - bi$. Since these zeros always come in pairs, we need to multiply out $(x - (-2 + 4i))(x - (-2 - 4i))(x - (1))$.

4. Describe the end behavior of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = -4(x - 4)^5(x + 4)^{10}(x + 6)^3(x - 6)^5$$

The solution is the graph below, which is option A.

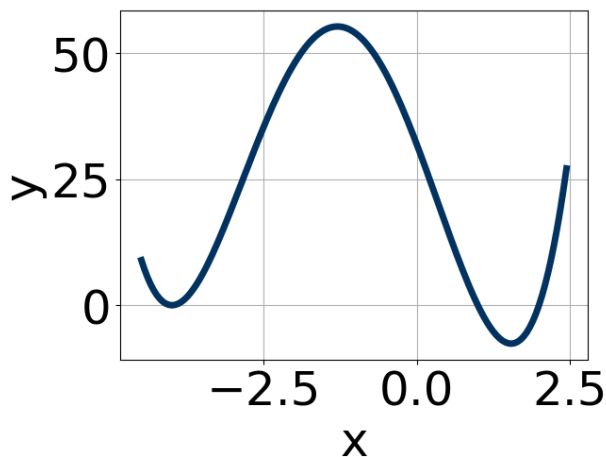




E. None of the above.

General Comment: Remember that end behavior is determined by the leading coefficient AND whether the **sum** of the multiplicities is positive or negative.

5. Which of the following equations *could* be of the graph presented below?



The solution is $10(x + 4)^6(x - 1)^{11}(x - 2)^5$, which is option A.

A. $10(x + 4)^6(x - 1)^{11}(x - 2)^5$

* This is the correct option.

B. $10(x + 4)^8(x - 1)^{10}(x - 2)^5$

The factor $(x - 1)$ should have an odd power.

C. $-12(x + 4)^4(x - 1)^5(x - 2)^8$

The factor $(x - 2)$ should have an odd power and the leading coefficient should be the opposite sign.

D. $-6(x + 4)^{10}(x - 1)^{11}(x - 2)^{11}$

This corresponds to the leading coefficient being the opposite value than it should be.

E. $17(x + 4)^7(x - 1)^{10}(x - 2)^5$

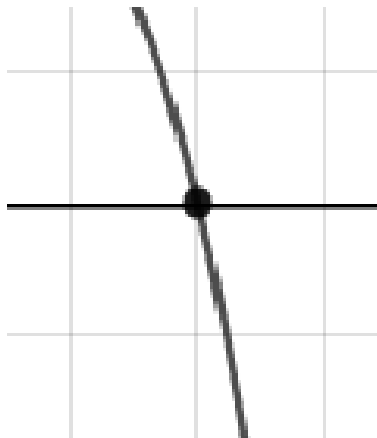
The factor -4 should have an even power and the factor 1 should have an odd power.

General Comment: General Comments: Draw the x-axis to determine which zeros are touching (and so have even multiplicity) or cross (and have odd multiplicity).

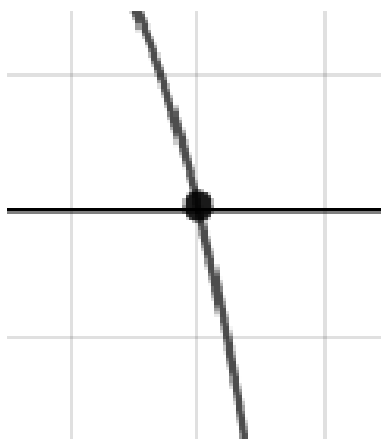
6. Describe the zero behavior of the zero $x = -5$ of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = -9(x - 5)^2(x + 5)^7(x + 7)^8(x - 7)^{10}$$

The solution is the graph below, which is option A.



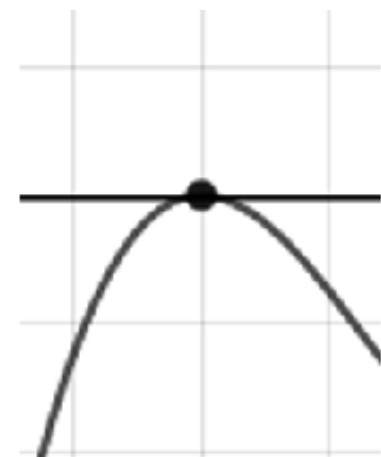
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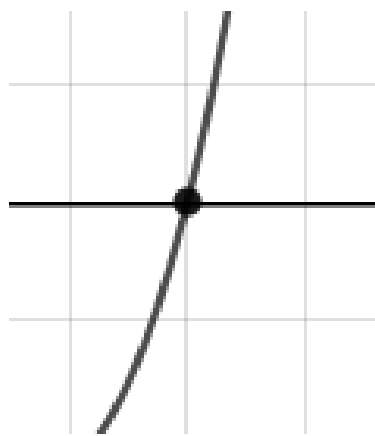
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D.



E. None of the above.

General Comment: You will need to sketch the entire graph, then zoom in on the zero the question asks about.

7. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$-2 - 3i \text{ and } 2$$

The solution is $x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x - 26$, which is option B.

A. $b \in [-2.71, -1.5]$, $c \in [3.3, 9.2]$, and $d \in [22.8, 26.7]$

$x^3 - 2x^2 + 5x + 26$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - (-2 - 3i))(x - (-2 + 3i))(x + 2)$.

B. $b \in [1.42, 2.12]$, $c \in [3.3, 9.2]$, and $d \in [-26.6, -24.8]$

* $x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x - 26$, which is the correct option.

C. $b \in [0.14, 1.15]$, $c \in [0.2, 1.1]$, and $d \in [-7.3, -4.4]$

$x^3 + x^2 + x - 6$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x + 3)(x - 2)$.

D. $b \in [0.14, 1.15]$, $c \in [-3.6, 0.6]$, and $d \in [-4.4, -1.3]$

$x^3 + x^2 - 4$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x + 2)(x - 2)$.

E. None of the above.

This corresponds to making an unanticipated error or not understanding how to use nonreal complex numbers to create the lowest-degree polynomial. If you chose this and are not sure what you did wrong, please contact the coordinator for help.

General Comment: Remember that the conjugate of $a + bi$ is $a - bi$. Since these zeros always come in pairs, we need to multiply out $(x - (-2 - 3i))(x - (-2 + 3i))(x - (2))$.

8. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$\frac{-1}{4}, 7, \text{ and } \frac{7}{5}$$

The solution is $20x^3 - 163x^2 + 154x + 49$, which is option A.

A. $a \in [18, 22]$, $b \in [-170, -159]$, $c \in [152, 163]$, and $d \in [42, 51]$

* $20x^3 - 163x^2 + 154x + 49$, which is the correct option.

B. $a \in [18, 22]$, $b \in [106, 113]$, $c \in [-227, -221]$, and $d \in [42, 51]$

$20x^3 + 107x^2 - 224x + 49$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(4x - 1)(x + 7)(5x - 7)$.

C. $a \in [18, 22]$, $b \in [-178, -171]$, $c \in [231, 239]$, and $d \in [-53, -47]$

$20x^3 - 173x^2 + 238x - 49$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(4x - 1)(x - 7)(5x - 7)$.

D. $a \in [18, 22]$, $b \in [159, 164]$, $c \in [152, 163]$, and $d \in [-53, -47]$

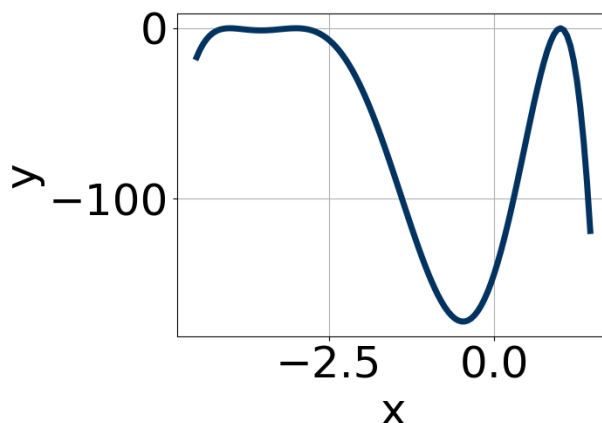
$20x^3 + 163x^2 + 154x - 49$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(4x - 1)(x + 7)(5x + 7)$.

E. $a \in [18, 22]$, $b \in [-170, -159]$, $c \in [152, 163]$, and $d \in [-53, -47]$

$20x^3 - 163x^2 + 154x - 49$, which corresponds to multiplying everything correctly except the constant term.

General Comment: To construct the lowest-degree polynomial, you want to multiply out $(4x + 1)(x - 7)(5x - 7)$

9. Which of the following equations *could* be of the graph presented below?



The solution is $-3(x + 4)^6(x + 3)^6(x - 1)^8$, which is option D.

A. $-20(x + 4)^{10}(x + 3)^5(x - 1)^7$

The factors $(x + 3)$ and $(x - 1)$ should both have even powers.

B. $9(x + 4)^8(x + 3)^8(x - 1)^9$

The factor $(x - 1)$ should have an even power and the leading coefficient should be the opposite sign.

C. $10(x + 4)^4(x + 3)^{10}(x - 1)^6$

This corresponds to the leading coefficient being the opposite value than it should be.

D. $-3(x + 4)^6(x + 3)^6(x - 1)^8$

* This is the correct option.

E. $-16(x + 4)^6(x + 3)^4(x - 1)^5$

The factor $(x - 1)$ should have an even power.

General Comment: General Comments: Draw the x-axis to determine which zeros are touching (and so have even multiplicity) or cross (and have odd multiplicity).

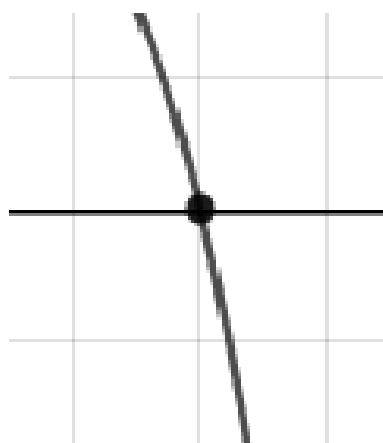
10. Describe the zero behavior of the zero $x = 7$ of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = -7(x + 7)^5(x - 7)^{10}(x - 4)^4(x + 4)^7$$

The solution is the graph below, which is option B.



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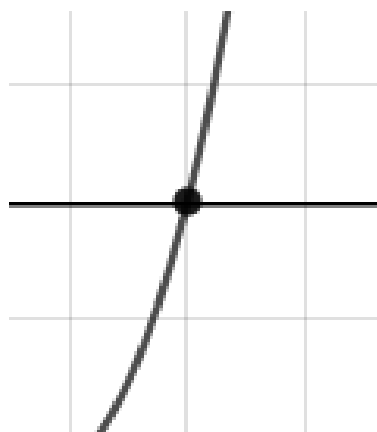
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B.



D.



E. None of the above.

General Comment: You will need to sketch the entire graph, then zoom in on the zero the question asks about.

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11. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$\frac{-7}{4}, -1, \text{ and } -3$$

The solution is $4x^3 + 23x^2 + 40x + 21$, which is option B.

A. $a \in [2, 5], b \in [21, 29], c \in [37, 41]$, and $d \in [-23, -18]$

$4x^3 + 23x^2 + 40x - 21$, which corresponds to multiplying everything correctly except the constant term.

B. $a \in [2, 5], b \in [21, 29], c \in [37, 41]$, and $d \in [20, 22]$

* $4x^3 + 23x^2 + 40x + 21$, which is the correct option.

C. $a \in [2, 5], b \in [-24, -16], c \in [37, 41]$, and $d \in [-23, -18]$

$4x^3 - 23x^2 + 40x - 21$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(4x - 7)(x - 1)(x - 3)$.

D. $a \in [2, 5], b \in [6, 12], c \in [-19, -11]$, and $d \in [-23, -18]$

$4x^3 + 9x^2 - 16x - 21$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(4x - 7)(x + 1)(x + 3)$.

E. $a \in [2, 5], b \in [0, 3], c \in [-33, -25]$, and $d \in [20, 22]$

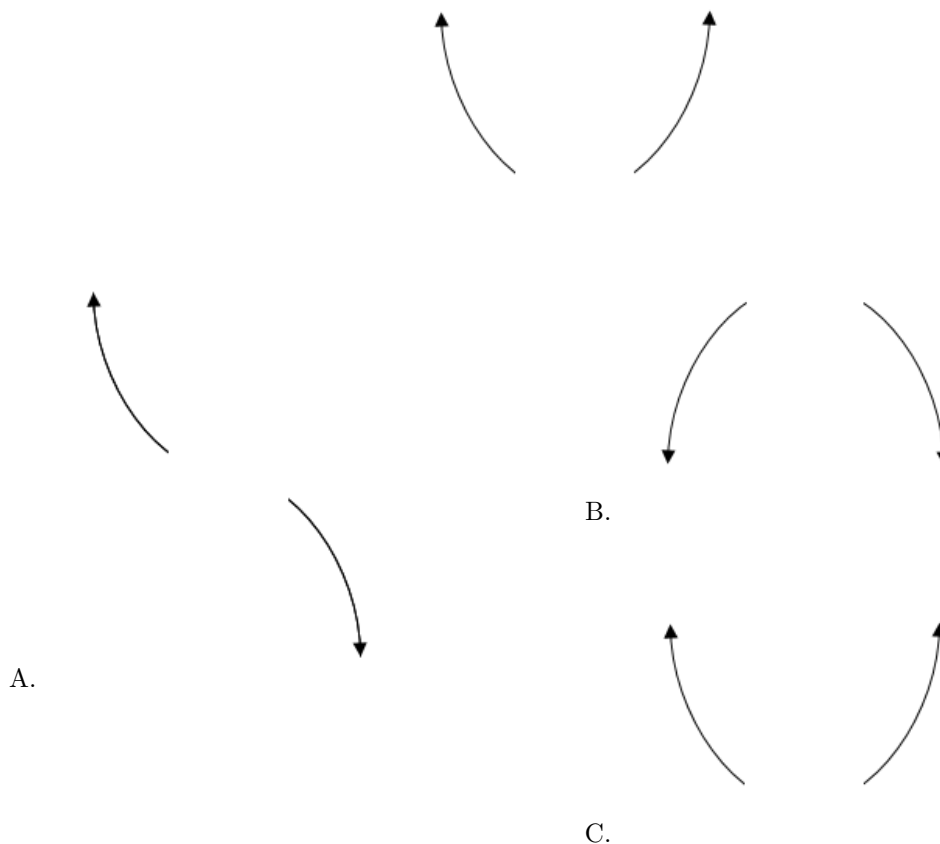
$4x^3 + x^2 - 26x + 21$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(4x - 7)(x - 1)(x + 3)$.

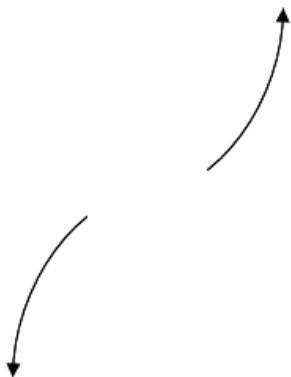
General Comment: To construct the lowest-degree polynomial, you want to multiply out $(4x + 7)(x + 1)(x + 3)$

12. Describe the end behavior of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = 5(x + 4)^2(x - 4)^3(x + 8)^5(x - 8)^6$$

The solution is the graph below, which is option C.





D.

E. None of the above.

General Comment: Remember that end behavior is determined by the leading coefficient AND whether the **sum** of the multiplicities is positive or negative.

13. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$4 - 5i \text{ and } 4$$

The solution is $x^3 - 12x^2 + 73x - 164$, which is option A.

A. $b \in [-13, -11]$, $c \in [71, 74]$, and $d \in [-171, -156]$

* $x^3 - 12x^2 + 73x - 164$, which is the correct option.

B. $b \in [9, 15]$, $c \in [71, 74]$, and $d \in [156, 167]$

$x^3 + 12x^2 + 73x + 164$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - (4 - 5i))(x - (4 + 5i))(x + 4)$.

C. $b \in [-6, 2]$, $c \in [-11, -2]$, and $d \in [16, 20]$

$x^3 + x^2 - 8x + 16$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - 4)(x - 4)$.

D. $b \in [-6, 2]$, $c \in [-1, 11]$, and $d \in [-28, -19]$

$x^3 + x^2 + x - 20$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x + 5)(x - 4)$.

E. None of the above.

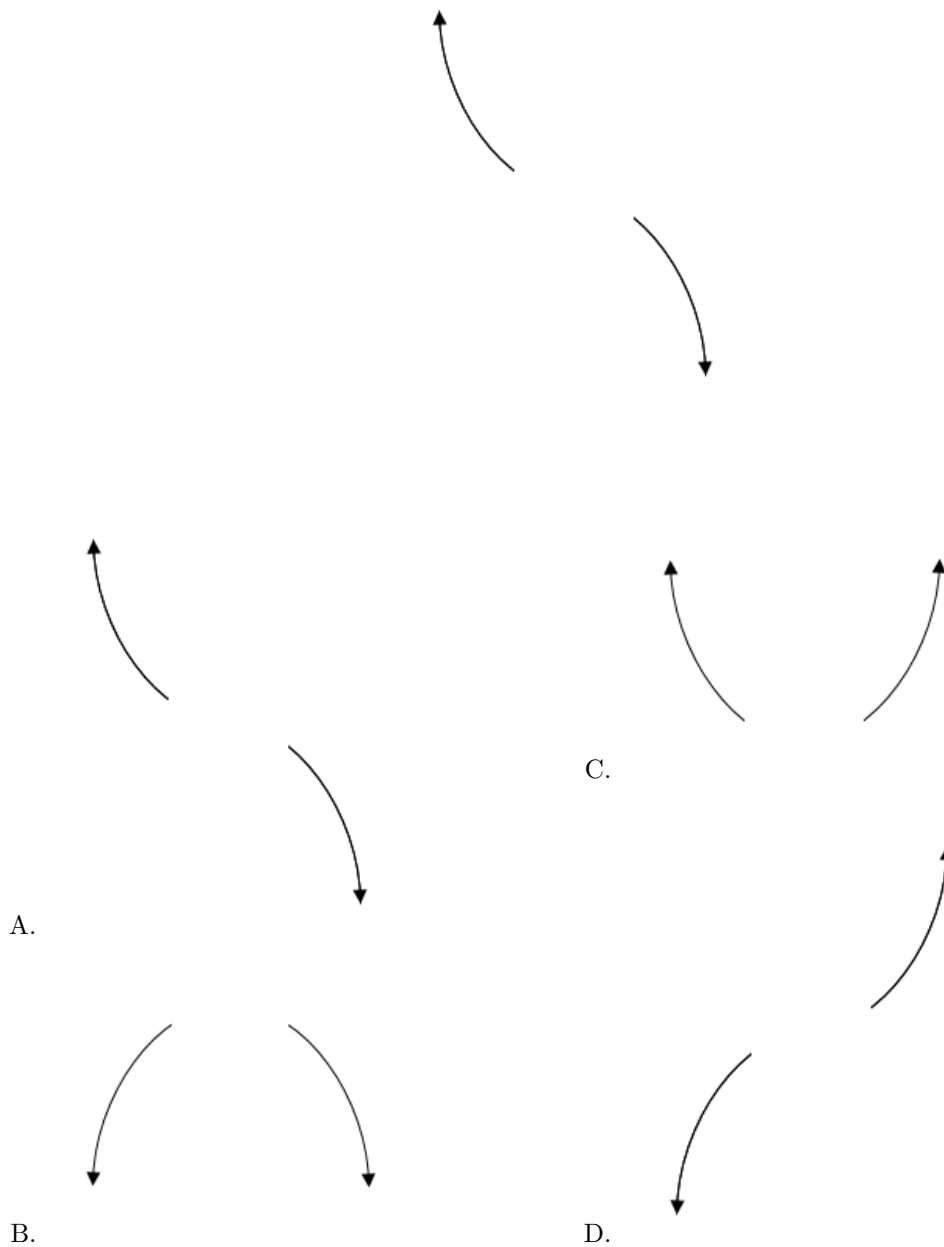
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General Comment: Remember that the conjugate of $a + bi$ is $a - bi$. Since these zeros always come in pairs, we need to multiply out $(x - (4 - 5i))(x - (4 + 5i))(x - (4))$.

14. Describe the end behavior of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = -2(x + 7)^3(x - 7)^4(x - 8)^3(x + 8)^5$$

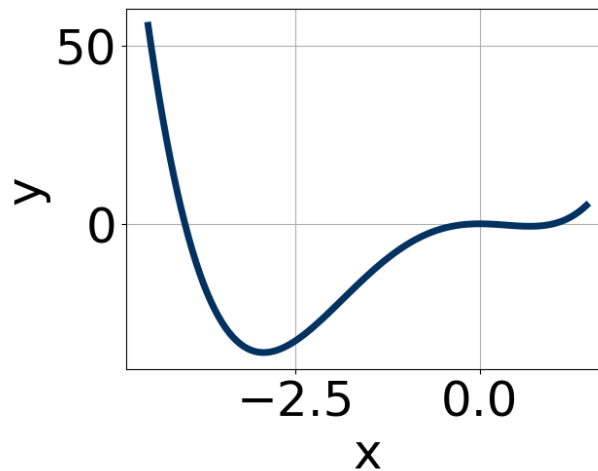
The solution is the graph below, which is option A.



E. None of the above.

General Comment: Remember that end behavior is determined by the leading coefficient AND whether the **sum** of the multiplicities is positive or negative.

15. Which of the following equations *could* be of the graph presented below?



The solution is $16x^{10}(x-1)^5(x+4)^9$, which is option B.

A. $-7x^{10}(x-1)^9(x+4)^8$

The factor $(x+4)$ should have an odd power and the leading coefficient should be the opposite sign.

B. $16x^{10}(x-1)^5(x+4)^9$

* This is the correct option.

C. $-12x^8(x-1)^9(x+4)^9$

This corresponds to the leading coefficient being the opposite value than it should be.

D. $13x^{10}(x-1)^8(x+4)^{11}$

The factor $(x-1)$ should have an odd power.

E. $4x^5(x-1)^6(x+4)^9$

The factor 0 should have an even power and the factor 1 should have an odd power.

General Comment: General Comments: Draw the x-axis to determine which zeros are touching (and so have even multiplicity) or cross (and have odd multiplicity).

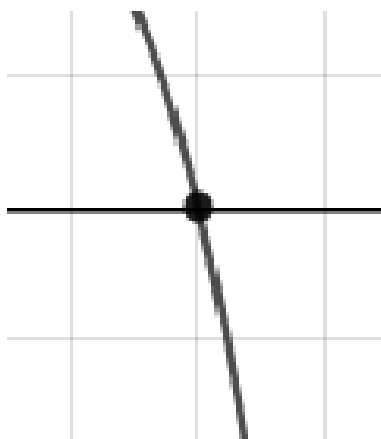
16. Describe the zero behavior of the zero $x = -7$ of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = -5(x-2)^6(x+2)^4(x+7)^6(x-7)^5$$

The solution is the graph below, which is option C.



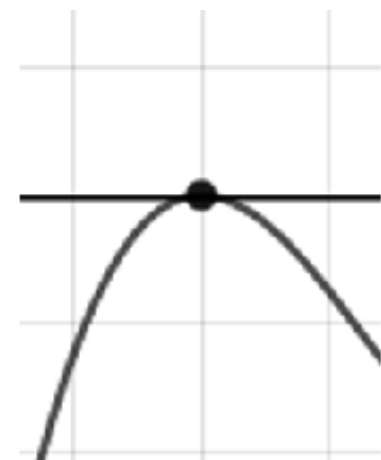
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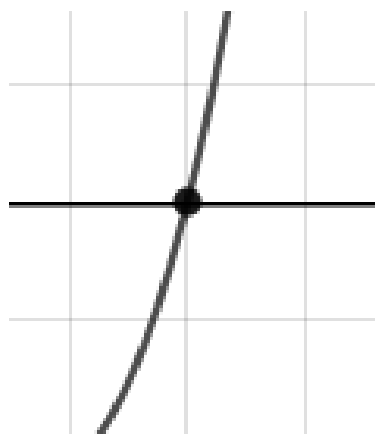
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B.



D.



E. None of the above.

General Comment: You will need to sketch the entire graph, then zoom in on the zero the question asks about.

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17. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$-3 + 2i \text{ and } -4$$

The solution is $x^3 + 10x^2 + 37x + 52$, which is option A.

A. $b \in [10, 19]$, $c \in [32, 39]$, and $d \in [51, 63]$

* $x^3 + 10x^2 + 37x + 52$, which is the correct option.

B. $b \in [-1, 3]$, $c \in [4, 8]$, and $d \in [11, 17]$

$x^3 + x^2 + 7x + 12$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x + 3)(x + 4)$.

C. $b \in [-1, 3]$, $c \in [-4, 3]$, and $d \in [-12, -5]$

$x^3 + x^2 + 2x - 8$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - 2)(x + 4)$.

D. $b \in [-11, -7]$, $c \in [32, 39]$, and $d \in [-52, -50]$

$x^3 - 10x^2 + 37x - 52$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - (-3 + 2i))(x - (-3 - 2i))(x - 4)$.

E. None of the above.

This corresponds to making an unanticipated error or not understanding how to use nonreal complex numbers to create the lowest-degree polynomial. If you chose this and are not sure what you did wrong, please contact the coordinator for help.

General Comment: Remember that the conjugate of $a + bi$ is $a - bi$. Since these zeros always come in pairs, we need to multiply out $(x - (-3 + 2i))(x - (-3 - 2i))(x - (-4))$.

18. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$\frac{7}{5}, \frac{-5}{2}, \text{ and } \frac{1}{2}$$

The solution is $20x^3 + 12x^2 - 81x + 35$, which is option B.

A. $a \in [18, 21]$, $b \in [65, 73]$, $c \in [23, 32]$, and $d \in [-35, -33]$

$20x^3 + 68x^2 + 31x - 35$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(5x + 7)(2x + 5)(2x - 1)$.

B. $a \in [18, 21]$, $b \in [8, 17]$, $c \in [-95, -77]$, and $d \in [33, 37]$

* $20x^3 + 12x^2 - 81x + 35$, which is the correct option.

C. $a \in [18, 21]$, $b \in [8, 17]$, $c \in [-95, -77]$, and $d \in [-35, -33]$

$20x^3 + 12x^2 - 81x - 35$, which corresponds to multiplying everything correctly except the constant term.

D. $a \in [18, 21]$, $b \in [-33, -27]$, $c \in [-68, -57]$, and $d \in [33, 37]$

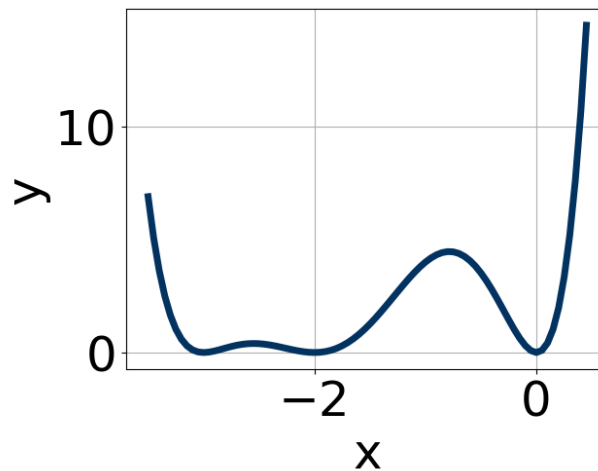
$20x^3 - 32x^2 - 59x + 35$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(5x + 7)(2x - 5)(2x - 1)$.

E. $a \in [18, 21]$, $b \in [-18, -3]$, $c \in [-95, -77]$, and $d \in [-35, -33]$

$20x^3 - 12x^2 - 81x - 35$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(5x + 7)(2x - 5)(2x + 1)$.

General Comment: To construct the lowest-degree polynomial, you want to multiply out $(5x - 7)(2x + 5)(2x - 1)$

19. Which of the following equations *could* be of the graph presented below?



The solution is $8x^6(x+3)^{10}(x+2)^{10}$, which is option D.

A. $14x^{11}(x+3)^6(x+2)^7$

The factors x and $(x+2)$ should both have even powers.

B. $16x^{10}(x+3)^4(x+2)^{11}$

The factor $(x+2)$ should have an even power.

C. $-4x^8(x+3)^8(x+2)^4$

This corresponds to the leading coefficient being the opposite value than it should be.

D. $8x^6(x+3)^{10}(x+2)^{10}$

* This is the correct option.

E. $-5x^8(x+3)^6(x+2)^7$

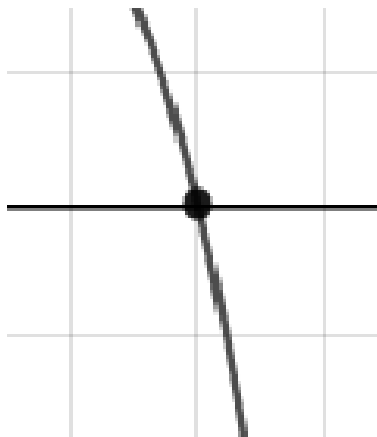
The factor $(x+2)$ should have an even power and the leading coefficient should be the opposite sign.

General Comment: General Comments: Draw the x-axis to determine which zeros are touching (and so have even multiplicity) or cross (and have odd multiplicity).

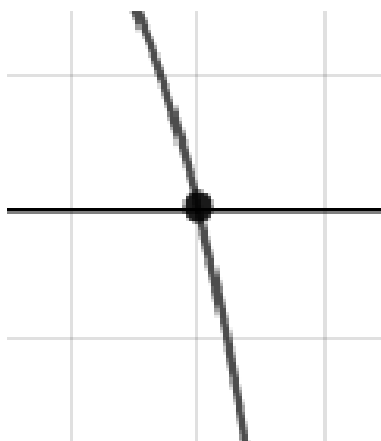
20. Describe the zero behavior of the zero $x = 9$ of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = -3(x+9)^6(x-9)^{11}(x-5)^8(x+5)^9$$

The solution is the graph below, which is option A.



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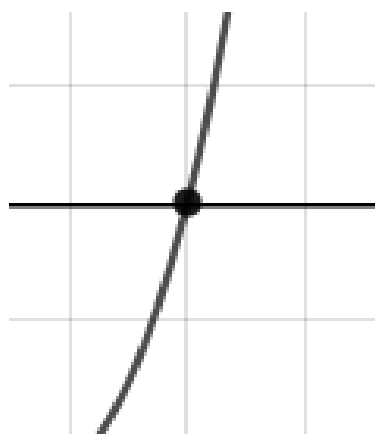
C.



B.



D.



E. None of the above.

General Comment: You will need to sketch the entire graph, then zoom in on the zero the question asks about.

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21. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$\frac{-5}{2}, \frac{4}{3}, \text{ and } -1$$

The solution is $6x^3 + 13x^2 - 13x - 20$, which is option D.

A. $a \in [1, 10], b \in [13, 15], c \in [-15, -4]$, and $d \in [10, 26]$

$6x^3 + 13x^2 - 13x + 20$, which corresponds to multiplying everything correctly except the constant term.

B. $a \in [1, 10], b \in [-2, 5], c \in [-31, -24]$, and $d \in [-22, -12]$

$6x^3 - 1x^2 - 27x - 20$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(2x - 5)(3x + 4)(x + 1)$.

C. $a \in [1, 10], b \in [-14, -11], c \in [-15, -4]$, and $d \in [10, 26]$

$6x^3 - 13x^2 - 13x + 20$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(2x - 5)(3x + 4)(x - 1)$.

D. $a \in [1, 10], b \in [13, 15], c \in [-15, -4]$, and $d \in [-22, -12]$

* $6x^3 + 13x^2 - 13x - 20$, which is the correct option.

E. $a \in [1, 10], b \in [-19, -15], c \in [-3, -2]$, and $d \in [10, 26]$

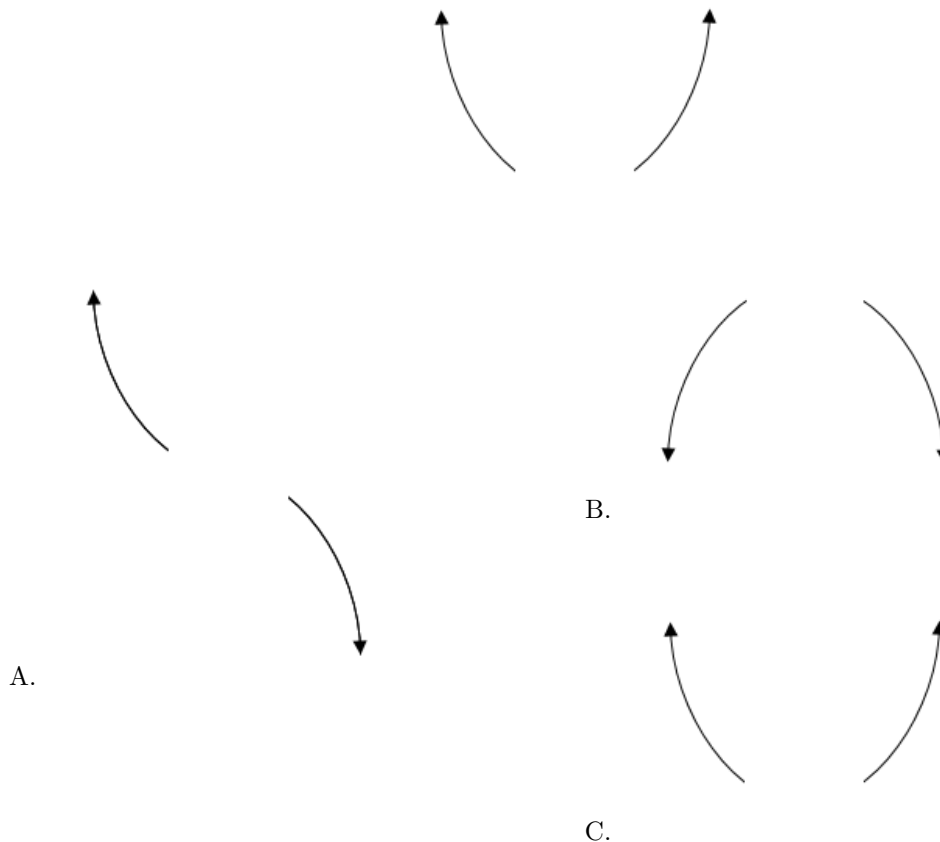
$6x^3 - 17x^2 - 3x + 20$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(2x - 5)(3x - 4)(x + 1)$.

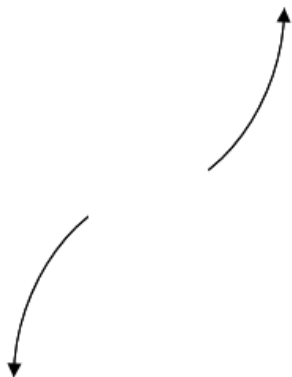
General Comment: To construct the lowest-degree polynomial, you want to multiply out $(2x + 5)(3x - 4)(x + 1)$

22. Describe the end behavior of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = 2(x - 3)^5(x + 3)^{10}(x + 7)^4(x - 7)^5$$

The solution is the graph below, which is option C.





D.

E. None of the above.

General Comment: Remember that end behavior is determined by the leading coefficient AND whether the **sum** of the multiplicities is positive or negative.

23. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$-3 - 5i \text{ and } -4$$

The solution is $x^3 + 10x^2 + 58x + 136$, which is option C.

A. $b \in [-11, -8]$, $c \in [57.4, 58.57]$, and $d \in [-141, -128]$

$x^3 - 10x^2 + 58x - 136$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - (-3 - 5i))(x - (-3 + 5i))(x - 4)$.

B. $b \in [1, 5]$, $c \in [8.96, 9.07]$, and $d \in [16, 25]$

$x^3 + x^2 + 9x + 20$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x + 5)(x + 4)$.

C. $b \in [9, 15]$, $c \in [57.4, 58.57]$, and $d \in [136, 145]$

* $x^3 + 10x^2 + 58x + 136$, which is the correct option.

D. $b \in [1, 5]$, $c \in [6.8, 8.11]$, and $d \in [12, 18]$

$x^3 + x^2 + 7x + 12$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x + 3)(x + 4)$.

E. None of the above.

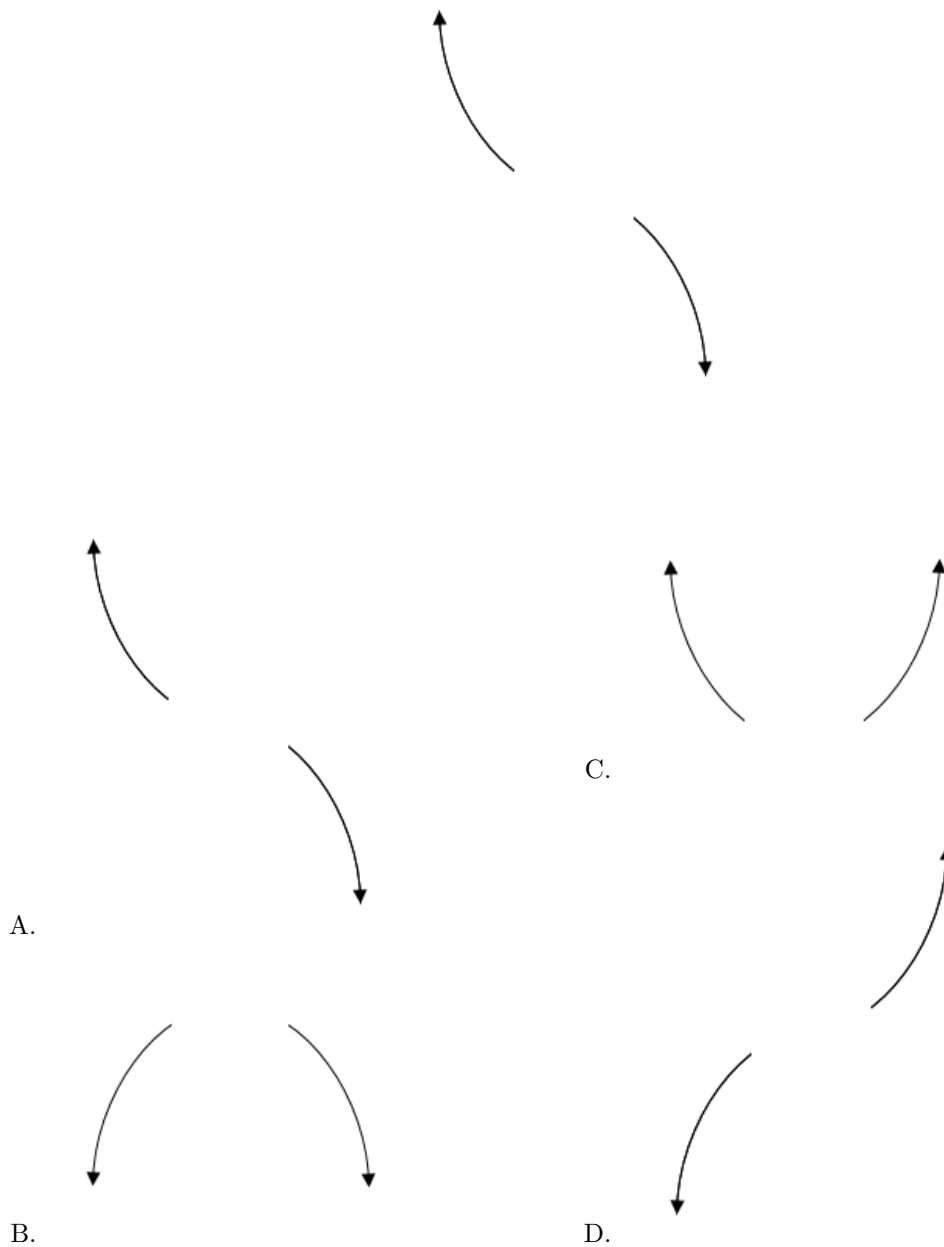
This corresponds to making an unanticipated error or not understanding how to use nonreal complex numbers to create the lowest-degree polynomial. If you chose this and are not sure what you did wrong, please contact the coordinator for help.

General Comment: Remember that the conjugate of $a + bi$ is $a - bi$. Since these zeros always come in pairs, we need to multiply out $(x - (-3 - 5i))(x - (-3 + 5i))(x - (-4))$.

24. Describe the end behavior of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = -2(x - 8)^4(x + 8)^5(x + 4)^2(x - 4)^2$$

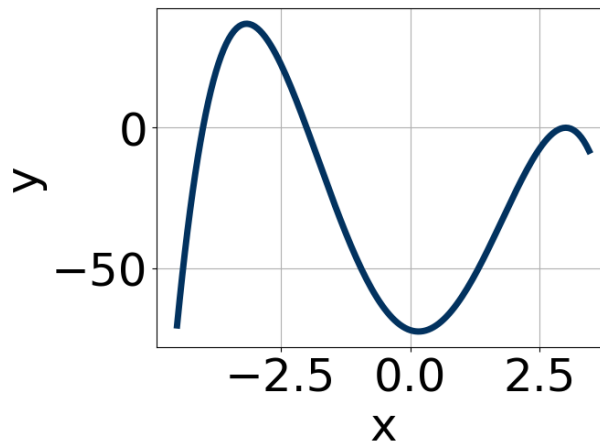
The solution is the graph below, which is option A.



E. None of the above.

General Comment: Remember that end behavior is determined by the leading coefficient AND whether the **sum** of the multiplicities is positive or negative.

25. Which of the following equations *could* be of the graph presented below?



The solution is $-14(x - 3)^8(x + 4)^{11}(x + 2)^5$, which is option E.

A. $-2(x - 3)^6(x + 4)^{10}(x + 2)^5$

The factor $(x + 4)$ should have an odd power.

B. $6(x - 3)^{10}(x + 4)^{11}(x + 2)^7$

This corresponds to the leading coefficient being the opposite value than it should be.

C. $19(x - 3)^6(x + 4)^9(x + 2)^{10}$

The factor $(x + 2)$ should have an odd power and the leading coefficient should be the opposite sign.

D. $-19(x - 3)^9(x + 4)^6(x + 2)^{11}$

The factor 3 should have an even power and the factor -4 should have an odd power.

E. $-14(x - 3)^8(x + 4)^{11}(x + 2)^5$

* This is the correct option.

General Comment: General Comments: Draw the x-axis to determine which zeros are touching (and so have even multiplicity) or cross (and have odd multiplicity).

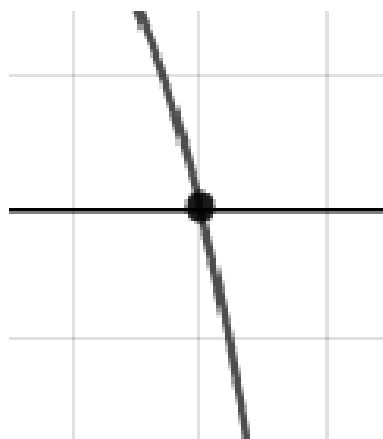
26. Describe the zero behavior of the zero $x = 9$ of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = 2(x + 5)^4(x - 5)^2(x + 9)^{11}(x - 9)^8$$

The solution is the graph below, which is option C.



A.



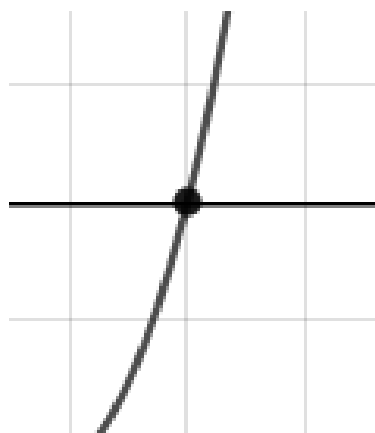
C.



B.



D.



E. None of the above.

General Comment: You will need to sketch the entire graph, then zoom in on the zero the question asks about.

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27. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$5 + 3i \text{ and } -2$$

The solution is $x^3 - 8x^2 + 14x + 68$, which is option D.

A. $b \in [-3, 4]$, $c \in [-1, 3]$, and $d \in [-8, -3]$

$x^3 + x^2 - x - 6$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - 3)(x + 2)$.

B. $b \in [5, 14]$, $c \in [7, 19]$, and $d \in [-75, -65]$

$x^3 + 8x^2 + 14x - 68$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - (5 + 3i))(x - (5 - 3i))(x - 2)$.

C. $b \in [-3, 4]$, $c \in [-7, -2]$, and $d \in [-10, -8]$

$x^3 + x^2 - 3x - 10$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(x - 5)(x + 2)$.

D. $b \in [-12, -7]$, $c \in [7, 19]$, and $d \in [67, 75]$

* $x^3 - 8x^2 + 14x + 68$, which is the correct option.

E. None of the above.

This corresponds to making an unanticipated error or not understanding how to use nonreal complex numbers to create the lowest-degree polynomial. If you chose this and are not sure what you did wrong, please contact the coordinator for help.

General Comment: Remember that the conjugate of $a + bi$ is $a - bi$. Since these zeros always come in pairs, we need to multiply out $(x - (5 + 3i))(x - (5 - 3i))(x - (-2))$.

28. Construct the lowest-degree polynomial given the zeros below. Then, choose the intervals that contain the coefficients of the polynomial in the form $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$.

$$\frac{-2}{3}, \frac{7}{3}, \text{ and } 6$$

The solution is $9x^3 - 69x^2 + 76x + 84$, which is option A.

A. $a \in [3, 10]$, $b \in [-71, -67]$, $c \in [69, 84]$, and $d \in [82, 94]$

* $9x^3 - 69x^2 + 76x + 84$, which is the correct option.

B. $a \in [3, 10]$, $b \in [-71, -67]$, $c \in [69, 84]$, and $d \in [-86, -79]$

$9x^3 - 69x^2 + 76x - 84$, which corresponds to multiplying everything correctly except the constant term.

C. $a \in [3, 10]$, $b \in [66, 74]$, $c \in [69, 84]$, and $d \in [-86, -79]$

$9x^3 + 69x^2 + 76x - 84$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(3x - 2)(3x + 7)(x + 6)$.

D. $a \in [3, 10]$, $b \in [-43, -34]$, $c \in [-106, -100]$, and $d \in [82, 94]$

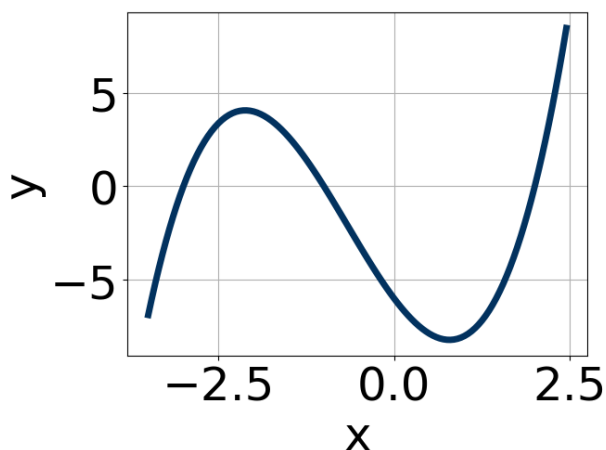
$9x^3 - 39x^2 - 104x + 84$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(3x - 2)(3x + 7)(x - 6)$.

E. $a \in [3, 10]$, $b \in [-81, -79]$, $c \in [175, 180]$, and $d \in [-86, -79]$

$9x^3 - 81x^2 + 176x - 84$, which corresponds to multiplying out $(3x - 2)(3x - 7)(x - 6)$.

General Comment: To construct the lowest-degree polynomial, you want to multiply out $(3x + 2)(3x - 7)(x - 6)$

29. Which of the following equations *could* be of the graph presented below?



The solution is $20(x - 2)^7(x + 3)^5(x + 1)^9$, which is option B.

A. $12(x - 2)^6(x + 3)^5(x + 1)^7$

The factor 2 should have been an odd power.

B. $20(x - 2)^7(x + 3)^5(x + 1)^9$

* This is the correct option.

C. $-17(x - 2)^4(x + 3)^7(x + 1)^5$

The factor $(x - 2)$ should have an odd power and the leading coefficient should be the opposite sign.

D. $-14(x - 2)^7(x + 3)^{11}(x + 1)^7$

This corresponds to the leading coefficient being the opposite value than it should be.

E. $9(x - 2)^4(x + 3)^6(x + 1)^9$

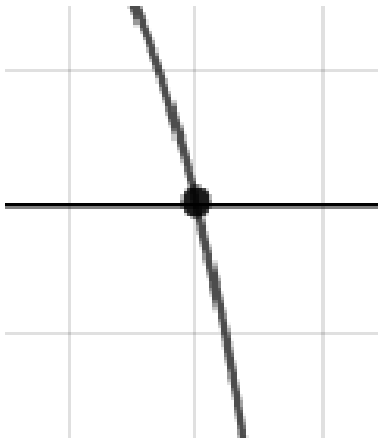
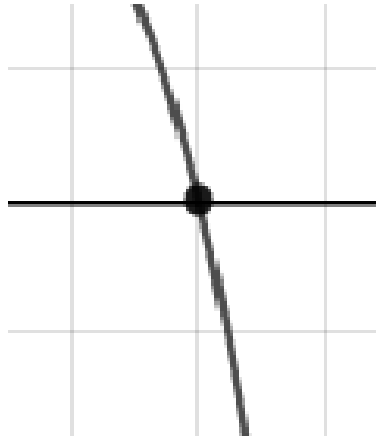
The factors 2 and -3 have have been odd power.

General Comment: General Comments: Draw the x-axis to determine which zeros are touching (and so have even multiplicity) or cross (and have odd multiplicity).

30. Describe the zero behavior of the zero $x = 4$ of the polynomial below.

$$f(x) = 5(x - 4)^9(x + 4)^{10}(x - 7)^9(x + 7)^{10}$$

The solution is the graph below, which is option A.



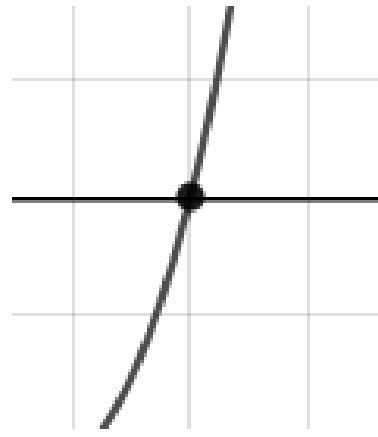
A.



C.



B.



D.

E. None of the above.

General Comment: You will need to sketch the entire graph, then zoom in on the zero the question asks about.
